Budget for North Eastern Region

†1964. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in case of under utilization of 10 per cent of the budget of the different departments meant for development of the NER, it is deposited in the non-lapsable pool;

(b) if so, the amount deposited under this head so far; and

(c) the amount demanded by his Ministry from the Ministry of Finance for various schemes from this pool and the amount received by them?

THE MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (SHRI PR. KYNDIAH): (a) The Central Ministries/Department (except those exempted) are mandated to earmark and spend at least 10% of their gross budgetary support on their schemes in the North Eastern Region. The unspent balance of funds, against this mandatory 10% provision, accrues to the Non-Lapsable Central Pool of Resources (NLCPR).

(b) The Opening Balance under NLCPR, as per verified figures on 01.04.2004, was Rs. 3696.10 crore.

(c) Against the projected demand of Rs. 1020 crore for NLCPR projects, an amount of Rs. 585 crore was approved in the Budget for 2005-06.

Projects in the North Eastern Region

1965. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) the development projects in the North-Eastem Region started more than five years ago but not completed so far as on 31 st March, 2005; and

(b) the reasons for their slow progress, the investment made in each such project and the steps proposed to be taken to expedite the completion?

THE MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (SHRI PR. KYNDIAH): (a) and (B) A Statement, containing list of projects, is enclosed as Statement (See below.)

All NLCPR funded and most NEC funded projects are implemented by the State Governments or agencies selected by the State Governments. The reasons for slow progress include, *inter-alia,* shorter working period

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.